

Modified Closed Primary and Non-Partisan Voters

The California Primary election system is unique in that it allows non-partisan, also known as decline to state voters, to vote either a non-partisan ballot or a ballot from a political party that allows cross-over voting. (Non-partisan voters are voters who have registered non-partisan, have declined to state a political party or are registered with a non-qualified political party.)

If you did not select a political party when you registered to vote, some of the political parties will allow you to vote for their candidates anyway. Upon request, you can vote a ballot of any political party that has notified the Secretary of State that it will permit “unaffiliated” voters to help nominate their candidates.

The following political parties are allowing voters who are not registered with a political party to request and vote their party’s ballot at the June 6, 2006, Gubernatorial Primary Election:

- **American Independent Party** *(all American Independent candidates except county central committee candidates)*
- **Democratic Party** *(all Democratic candidates except county central committee candidates)*
- **Republican Party** *(all Republican candidates except county central committee candidates)*

You may NOT request more than one party’s ballot. If you do not request a specific ballot, you will be given a non-partisan ballot containing only the names of candidates for non-partisan offices and the measures to be voted upon at the June 6, 2006, Gubernatorial Primary Election.

How and when to choose: To receive a party ballot, go to your polling place on Election Day and state your choice to the poll worker. If voting by absentee ballot, follow the application instructions on the back cover of your sample ballot booklet.

You may contact the Elections Division if you have questions about this process at (530) 886-5650 or toll-free in California at 1-800-824-8683. You may also contact the Secretary of State’s Office at their toll free number 1-800-345-8683 or visit their website at www.ss.ca.gov for more information.